

## PERSONAL EVANGELISM: Lesson 4

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### **TOPICS TO DISCUSS TODAY;**

#### 1 CONDUCTING HOME BIBLE STUDIES

- a. Regularly scheduled meetings – no more than 1 hour sessions each time (I try to avoid a “one-shot approach” unless there is no alternative).
- b. Kitchen table.
- c. Blank paper & Pens.

#### 2. MY APPROACH TO HOME BIBLE STUDIES – Subjects I begin with:

##### **a. INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE**

- (1) I always begin with an “Introduction,” because most people have almost no familiarity with the Bible at all – no knowledge of its contents, construction, organization, etc. (ask people to look up a verse in the Bible, and you’ll quickly discover most have no idea where anything is).
- (2) The purpose of an “Introduction” is to give people an “overall picture” of what the Bible is all about.

##### **b. AUTHORITY IN RELIGION**

- (1) The next major subject I want to explore is the matter of “authority” in religion – this subject is key to everything else that follows.
- (2) Many “controversial” subjects become much less controversial once it is established in a person’s mind that the Bible is our sole authority in religion, and we must follow it, without addition, subtraction, or change.
- (3) I may spend 2-3 weeks on this general theme (I count it so important!), and approach it like this:

*#1: Authority in Religion (used with “Introduction”).*

*#2: How Jesus Speaks to Us*

*#3: God’s Law of Authority*